

Updated Population Data for 2011

According to guidelines from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the U.S. Census Bureau, who administer the national *Public Libraries Survey*, the population of each library's *Legal Service Area** should be updated annually. This makes national data comparable and ranking tables more accurate. Figures from the latest decennial census and official population estimates for the intervening years are used as the sources for this data element.

The figures being used in the Nebraska survey were last updated in 2010 and were based on the 2009 population estimates. Now, for 2011, we will be using the actual population figures from the official 2010 decennial U.S. census.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1, Detailed Tables, Table P1, Nebraska

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics: 2010 Table DP-1, 2010 Demographic Profile Data, Nebraska

Townships: Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census. 2010 Census Summary File 1, Tables P12, P13, and PCT12, for Nebraska.

*“The number of people in the geographic area for which a public library has been established to offer services and from which (or on behalf of which) the library derives revenue, plus any areas served under contract for which the library is the primary service provider.” Institute of Museum and Library Services and the U.S. Census Bureau. FY 2010 Public Libraries Survey: WebPLUS User's Guide. December, 2010.